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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 030307/0201

Applicant: Svend Erik Borgesen  
Title: A VENTRICLE DRAIN  
Appl. No.: 09/911,833  
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Art Unit: 3763

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an initial Action on the merits, applicant requests that the application in caption be amended as follows.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please insert the Abstract attached on a separate page.

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and an early examination and action on the merits. Applicant submits this preliminary amendment to add an Abstract to the application, as required by the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed August 31, 2001. Support for the Abstract can be found, for example, in originally filed claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Inquiries with respect to this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

31 December 2001  
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